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SUBJECT: ABU IYAD SURFACES IN BEIRUT

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1. CONFIRMING PRIOR PRESS REPORTS (REFTEL B), SALAH KHALAF (ABU IYAD), FATAH'S MISSING NO. 2, ADDRESSED RALLY AT ARAB UNIVERSITY HERE EVENING NOV 20. AGAINST BACKDROP BANNER READING "RABAT OPERATION IS NEITHER FIRST NOR LAST ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HUSSEIN," UNREPENTANT ABU IYAD CROWED THAT THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN RABAT PLOT ARE "SONS OF FATAH AND BLACK SEPTEMBER " AND STATED HIS GROUP WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ASSASSINATE JORDANIAN KING "BECAUSE WE ARE CARRYING OUT
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DECISION OF FATAH REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL WHICH CALLS FOR
TOPPLING OF JORDANIAN REGIME."

2. ALTHOUGH FULLER DETAILS OF ABU IYAD'S SPEECH CAN BE FOUND IN FBIS BE200908, WE FOUND MOST INTERESTING HIGHLIGHTS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) HIS CLAIM THAT RABAT PLOW WAS AIMED SOLELY AGAINST HUSSEIN, CONTRARY TO "INSIDIOUS" CLAIMS OF MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES THAT FIVE ARAB KINGS AND PRESIDENTS WERE TARGETS;

(B) HIS CHARGE THAT PALESTINIANS ARRESTED IN RABAT WERE SUBJECTED TO "SAVAGE" TORTURE THERE (BUT ARE NOW BEING WELL TREATED IN CAIRO);

(C) HIS CLAIM THAT NUMBER OF PLOTTERS EXCEEDED THE FOURTEEN WHO WERE ARRESTED AND THAT OTHERS, INCLUDING FEMALE COMMANDOS, CONTINUE SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO KILL HUSSEIN;

(D) HIS DENIAL OF LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN PLOT;

(E) FACT THAT HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO DENY REPORTS THAT "PLAY-ACTING" CONCOCTED BY 'ARAFAT AND ABU IYAD TO ENHANCE 'ARAFAT'S POSITION AT RABAT SUMMIT.

(F) HIS BELIEF THAT JORDAN, ISRAEL AND US ARE CONNIVING TO DEMONSTRATE THAT PLO IS INCAPABLE OF REGAINING OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF NEGOTIATING WITH ISRAEL, THUS EVENTUALLY FORCING OTHER ARAB GOVTS TO ASK HUSSEIN ONCE AGAIN ASSUME STEWARD-SHIP OVER WEST BANK.

4. COMMENT: OTHER THAN CLAIMING HE HAD NOT BEEN DETAINED IN MOROCCO BECAUSE HE HAD NOT VISITED RABAT, KHALAF DID LITTLE TO DISPEL MYSTERY WHICH HAS SURROUNDED HIS WHEREABOUTS OVER PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. DESPITE WHAT ABU HASSAN TOLD US LAST WEEK (REFTEL A), ABU IYAD EXPLICITLY LABELLED PARTICIPANTS IN PLOT AS "HEROES" AND ATTEMPTED CLAIM SOME REFLECTED "GLORY" FOR HIMSELF. WE WILL BE WATCHING CLOSELY IN COMING DAYS FOR INDICATIONS OF HOW 'ARAFAT & CO. ARE REACTING TO KHALAF'S PUBLIC AND PRIVATE "EXPLANATION".
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